

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, an act to alter and change the name of Charles Ricketts, of Somerset county, to that of Charles Evans,

Also, the bill, entitled, an act relating to the city of Baltimore,

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to authorise and empower commissioners to open an alley in Westminster, in Carroll county,

Also, the bill, entitled; an act to define the duties of sheriffs, coroners and elisors, so far as relates to Baltimore county,

Severally endorsed, "will pass," and the bills severally ordered to be engrossed;

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to divorce Eliza Harding, of Dorchester county, from her husband Matthew Harding, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment,"

Which amendment was read the first and by special order the second time, assented to and the bill ordered to be engrossed,

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to divorce Mary Jane Stayler, of the city of Baltimore, from her husband Robert Gallaway, endorsed, "will not pass."

On motion of Mr. Turner, of Baltimore county,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the propriety of so amending the testamentary laws, as to give to the orphans' courts in the several counties in this State, the power to order and dispose of the real estate of deceased persons.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the law in reference to bringing actions of trespass for damages, as to require the plaintiff in such actions to give bond with security for cost.

On motion of Mr. Powell,

Ordered, that the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims enquire into the propriety of placing Priscilla Woolford, who was the widow of Isaac Handy, a soldier of the revolution, on the pension roll of this State.

Mr. Selby obtained leave to bring in a bill allowing officers of the levy court, and of the orphans' court, mileage for their services, so far as relates to Worcester county;

Ordered, that Messrs. Selby, Townsend and Hearn report the same.

Mr. Hughes obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, an act, relating to the orphans and levy courts of Charles county;

Ordered, that Messrs. Hughes, Carpenter and Matthews report the same.

On motion of Mr. Duke,

Ordered, that the committee on the coloured population enquire into the propriety of requiring free negroes and mulattoes to give security for their good behaviour, and report by bill or otherwise.